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RUDOGHA/USNMR SHAPE BE//SURVEY//
RHHMMCX/JICPAC HONOLULU HI
RUCIAEA/FASTC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OH//SCIR//
RUEOACC/CDRPSYOPGP FT BRAGG NC//AORC-POG-SB//
RUCBSAA/USCINCLANT NORFOLK VA//J2//
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RUCQVAB/USCINCSOC INTEL OPS CEN MACDILL AFB FL
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BODY

TAGS: MOPS, PREL, PHUM, RS, US
SUBJECT: POW/MIA: INTERVIEW WITH NIKOLAY DMITRIYEVICH KAZERSKY.

1. SUMMARY. ON OCTOBER 27, 1992, TASK FORCE RUSSIA - MOSCOW (TFR-M) TEAM MEMBERS JIM CONNELL AND GARY TABACH WITH RUSSIAN JOINT COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE TATIANA KOLTOVICH INTERVIEWED NIKOLAY DMITRIYEVICH KAZERSKY, A 1950-55 INMATE OF ZIMKA LABOR CAMP IN KOMI ASSR, AT ILYINKA, 12. KAZERSKY TOLD OF CONTACT IN 1952 OR 1953, AT A WORKSITE AT ZIMKA, WITH AN AMERICAN PILOT FROM CALIFORNIA SHOT DOWN NEAR VLADIVOSTOK. HE COULD NOT RECALL THE PILOT'S NAME, BUT DID PROVIDE A PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION. END SUMMARY.

BACKGROUND

2. ON OCTOBER 27, 1992, A JOINT INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED AT ILYINKA 12, WITH NIKOLAY DMITRIYEVICH KAZERSKY WHO WAS BORN OCTOBER 16, 1924, AND CURRENTLY RESIDES AT VOLZHKY BLVD, BLDG. 31/1, APT.44, MOSCOW 109462, TELEPHONE NUMBER 178-6749. KAZERSKY SERVED IN THE RED ARMY DURING WWII AND AMONG HIS MANY AWARDS ARE TWO ORDERS OF THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR. IN 1950, KAZERSKY WAS CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIME AND SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS. HE HAD SERVED FOUR AND A HALF YEARS WHEN HE RECEIVED AMNESTY AFTER THE DEATH OF STALIN. HE SERVED HIS SENTENCE IN ZIMKA CAMP ON THE VESLYANA RIVER NEAR THE VILLAGES OF ZHELEZNODOROZHNOYE AND KNYAZHPOGOST UNDER THE VOZHAYOL PRISON DIRECTORATE (VOZHAYOLOVSKOYE UPRAVLENIE) MVD P.O BOX 243. (COMMENT; VASILY BOYCHUK, THE INFORMANT FROM THE UKRAINE WHO PROMPTED THE TOTMA TRIP IN SEARCH OF THE ALLEGED DAVID MARKIN, IS REPORTED TO HAVE LAST SEEN MARKIN AT KNYAZHPOGOST IN JANUARY OF 1991.) KAZERSKY PROVIDED A SKETCH OF THE CAMP AT ZIMKA WHICH IS BEING FORWARDED TO TFR-WASHINGTON SEPARATELY.

REPORTED CONTACT WITH ALLEGED AMERICAN POW

3. KAZERSKY WAS AWARE THAT THERE WERE AMERICANS AT ZIMKA FROM CAMP RUMOR, AND, IN THE FALL OF 1952 OR THE SPRING OF 1953, HE HAD A SINGLE ENCOUNTER WITH AN AMERICAN PILOT WHO HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN IN NORTH KOREA AND FORCED TO LAND IN SOVIET TERRITORY NEAR VLADIVOSTOK. THE PILOT SAID HIS PLANE HAD A CREW OF THREE AND THE HIS RADIOMAN HAD BEEN

IN ZIMKA AS WELL, BUT HAD POSSIBLY BEEN MOVED TO ANOTHER CAMP CALLED "YASER" AFTER A BRIEF PERIOD. THE PILOT DID NOT KNOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE THIRD CREW MEMBER.

DESCRIPTION OF ALLEGED AMERICAM POW

4. THE PILOT REMAINED AT ZIMKA FOR THREE TO SIX MONTHS, AND WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION. HE WAS ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES TALL, SLENDER, DARK-HAIRED AND DARK-COMPLECTED, AND IN GOOD HEALTH. HE DID NOT SMOKE AND HAD A SMALL OVAL SCAR ON ONE OF HIS CHEEKS. KAZERSKY BELIEVES HE WAS OF SOUTHERN EUROPEAN ORIGIN, PERHAPS, ITALIAN OR GREEK. THE PILOT, WHOSE NICKNAME WAS "THE AMERICAN" (AMERIKANETS), LIVED IN BARRACK NUMBER SIX, AND WORKED IN THE CONSUMER GOODS (SHIRPOTREB) SECTION MAKING FRAMES FOR GREENHOUSES. KAZERSKY HAD DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE AMERICAN ONLY ONCE AND COMMUNICATION WAS DIFFICULT. THE PILOT HAD BEEN IN ISOLATION FOR A YEAR OR MORE, AND HAD LEARNED VERY LITTLE RUSSIAN. KAZERSKY KNEW VERY LITTLE ENGLISH. KAZERSKY BELIEVES THE PILOT WAS FROM CALIFORNIA AND HELD OFFICER RANK. HE COULD NOT RECALL THE PILOT'S NAME (PRISONERS WERE ALMOST ALWAYS ADDRESSED BY NICKNAME), BUT IS STILL FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT HE WAS AN AMERICAN PILOT.
POSSIBLE SOURCES OF CORROBORATION

5. WHEN ASKED IF THERE WERE OTHERS WHO COULD CORROBORATE THE PRESENCE OF AN AMERICAM AT ZIMKA, KAZERSKY HAD EARLIER PROVIDED THE NAME OF PYOTR YEVSEYEVICH BRAYKO, WHO WAS THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (FELDSHER) AT THE CAMP AT THE TIME. BRAYKO, A WRITER AND TWICE-HERO OF THE SOVIET UNION, PRESENTLY LIVES IN MOSCOW. HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 251-9611. BRAYKO WAS ASKED BY TELEPHONE TO JOIN KAZERSKY FOR THE JOINT INTERVIEW BUT DECLINED TO DO SO,

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STATING THAT HE DID NOT REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT ANY AMERICANS AT ZIMKA. (COMMENT: TFR-M WILL CONTACT BRAYKO AGAIN TO SEE IF HE REMEMBERS ANY PERTINENT FACTS ABOUT HIS TIME AT ZIMKA AND CAN BE CONVINCED TO COME FORWARD.)

6. KAZERSKY ALSO PROVIDED THE NAMES OF ZIMKA CAMP ADMINISTRATORS WHO MIGHT HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION - CAPTAIN (FNU) NASTASHUK, POSSIBLY A RESIDENT OF VOLGOGRAD NOW, AND LIEUTENANT (FNU) NEMNO, BOTH OF WHOM WERE COMMANDANTS OF ZIMKA, JUNIOR LIEUTENANT KAPITSIN OF THE SPECIAL SERVICE AND SENIOR LIEUTENANT KOLMZHOV, CAMP OPERATIONS OFFICER. KAZERSKY BELIEVES THAT ALL FOUR ARE LIVING AND TFR-M WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THEM. KAZERSKY IS ALSO CONVINCED THAT THE ARCHIVES OF THE VOZHAYOL DIRECTORATE WOULD HOLD RECORDS ON THE AMERICAM POW/PRISONER.

7. POW/MIA TEAM SENDS. STRAUSS

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